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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Herman P. Miller, III

Serial No. 10/686,494

Filed: October 14, 2003

 For: VACUUM RETORT ANAEROBIC
 DIGESTION SYSTEM AND PROCESS

Examiner: Fred Prince

Group Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No. 3540

Date: March 14, 2005

 Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-entitled application.

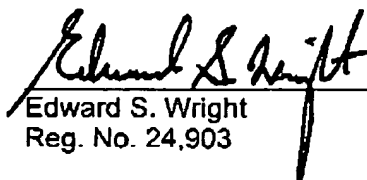
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(Col. 2) Minus	(Col. 3) Highest Previously Paid for	(Col. 4) Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 16	-	** 20	0	x 25 = \$ 0	x 50 = \$
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 6	-	6	0	x 100 = \$ 0	x 200 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented and Fee Not Previously Paid					+ 180 = \$	+ 360 = \$
* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 3, type "0" in Col. 4.						
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					TOTAL: \$ 0	TOTAL: \$

[] Our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

[x] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, in this matter to Deposit Account No. 50-2975 (Order No. A-70239-1).

Respectfully submitted:


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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, as revised.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE PATENT OFFICE FOR FILING VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION TO (703) 872-9306 ON March 14, 2005.


EDWARD S. WRIGHT